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CONCENTRATED MAINTENANCE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR PORTABLE
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1. Japanese Patent No. 2616673, published March 11, 1997 (corresponds to Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 7-177081, published July 14, 1995 with English Abstract).
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One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

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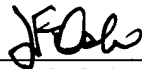
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